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Dear Teachers, Librarians, Parents, and Students,

Thank you for participating in the Washington Learns Student Project.

Washington Learns is a diverse group of business, community, education, government, and minority leaders from across Washington assembled by Governor Gregoire to conduct 18-month review of Washington's education system, its structure and funding. For more information about Washington Learns, please visit the website at www.washingtonlearns.wa.gov.

The Washington Learns Student Project is gathering input from students in the form of essays, poems, and artwork for the WA Learns Education Summit in November. Students from pre-school age through higher education are encouraged to participate.

Please use the following template, or other paper, to write a one-page essay or poem, or draw a picture about "**Why Education Is Important To Me.**" If you do not use the template, please provide us with the first name, age, city, and school of the participant. (As the completed entries may be shared at a public gathering, we ask that you provide **first names only.**) Sorry, submitted documents cannot be returned.

Entries must be received by October 31, 2006.

Please mail to:
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If you have questions or would like more information, please email me at
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Thank you for your participation!

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Naughton
Governor's Reading Initiatives Coordinator

Why Education Is Important To Me

First Name _____ Age _____ City _____

School _____